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We, the Socialist Party of Canada affirm our allegiance to, and support of the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor, applied to natural resources, produces all wealth. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently, all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is, therefore, master; the worker a slave.

So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend its property rights in the means of wealth production and its control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling stream of profits, and to the worker, an ever-increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which this exploitation, at the point of production, is cloaked. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into socially controlled economic forces.

The irrepressible conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker necessarily expresses itself as a struggle for political supremacy. This is the Class Struggle.

Therefore we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, with the object of conquering the political powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

- 1—The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into collective means of production.
- 2—The organization and management of industry by the working class.
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forsake her in this, her darkest hour! The working class in Europe, although themselves pushed to the starvation line, are already responding magnificently. The members of the General Federation of Labor of France have voted one day's wages for the starving on the Volga. From other countries similar heroic sacrifices are being made.

Fellow Workers! You must realize that the greatest bulk of the necessary help must come from us here in Canada, and from our comrades in the United States. We must now be ready to make greater sacrifices than we ever have been called upon to bring to the Altar of Class-solidarity!

Comrades! We can save Soviet Russia if every one of us gives one day's wages to the famine stricken on the Volga. Poverty is haunting our own doors, but we still can exist with one day's wages short—Soviet Russia cannot, without this sacrifice from us—and the cause demands that we give it gladly.

The Winnipeg Famine Relief Committee for the Drought Stricken in Soviet Russia, which is composed of delegates from all local progressive labor organizations, and which by consent of other similar committees in the Dominion, has become the Central Office of all these committees, is sending this appeal out to all labor organizations in Canada. What will your answer be to this appeal? The fate of millions of starving little children, the fate of Soviet Russia, depends upon this, your answer! Can the workers of Canada rise to such a lofty, heroic sacrifice and save Soviet Russia? Remember! your answer must come quickly, or it will come too late.

In view of the urgency of help needed, this committee has set October 18th as the closing date for this appeal. Bring this question before the next meeting of your organization, and let us hear about your decision.

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMERICA.

Riga, "Rosta Wien."

The negotiations between Litvinov and Brown will not be confined merely to the questions of relief work for the famine districts of Russia but will be extended to the clearing of the political relations between Europe, America, and Soviet Russia.

Brown, the representative of Hoover, has stated that the Americans will begin at once with the work of relief. There are eight thousand tons of food stored in Hamburg and Danzig which will suffice to feed many thousands of persons during a month. Food transports will arrive in Petrograd, Riga, and all the Black Sea harbours every fourteen days. The transport in Soviet Russia will be in the hands of the Soviet government and the distribution will be in the hands of the local authorities. The question of distribution of clothing comes for the moment in second-place. The plan of organization can for the present only be generally announced since the manner of relief can only be laid down after practical experience. The relief work will be continued so long as the distress of the districts concerned makes it appear necessary.